

**Appl. No.** : 09/919,739  
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### REMARKS

The Applicants have amended Claim 3 to address the remaining concerns of the Examiner, and to attempt to clarify the nature of the steps. Although the applicant disagrees with the Examiner that the sorting step is a required limitation, a sorting step has been added to Claim 3 to facilitate allowance. The applicant reserves the right to pursue this subject matter in a continuation application. Claim 4 is canceled, and Claims 6-7 have been amended to be consistent with Claim 3. New Claim 19 has support at page 13, lines 17-18 of the specification as filed.

### CONCLUSION

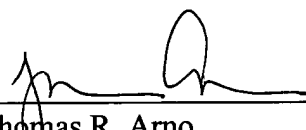
By the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that they have overcome all of the Examiner's rejections and request a timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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